

Macrogol 4000 (Idrolax[®])

No. 94/04

Schwarz Pharma Ltd

Summary of Recommendation

13 April, 2004

The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and advises NHS Boards and ADTCs on its use in NHS Scotland. The recommendation is summarised as follows:

Advice: following a full submission.

Macrogol 4000 (Idrolax[®]) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland for the treatment of constipation in adults and children aged 8 years and above.

Macrogol 4000 is as effective as lactulose, but the available evidence does not justify the additional cost of this product.

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